

Please find below, Utah State Parks and Recreation news for December 1:

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ANNUAL PASSES MAKE GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS

Salt Lake City -- Give the gift of the great outdoors this holiday with a Utah State Parks Annual Pass. Explore Snow Canyon State Park, hike through goblins at Goblin Valley, discover dinosaurs at the Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum or visit any of Utah's state parks and museums.

Passes for the 2010 season are available in early December. Permits sell for \$75. Utah residents 62 years and older may purchase a Senior Adventure Pass for \$35, which offers the same benefits as the Annual Pass.

Passes allow the cardholder and up to seven guests in the same vehicle, day-use access to most state parks. Passes are honored at all state parks except This Is The Place Heritage Park. Passes do not cover the Davis County Causeway fee at Antelope Island State Park and are good for one rider/machine only at Jordan River Off-Highway Vehicle State Recreation Area.

Annual park passes are for day-use entrance fees and provide a \$2 discount off overnight camping. Passes may be purchased at any state park, region office, online at stateparks.utah.gov and at the Utah State Parks Administrative Office located at 1594 West North Temple in Salt Lake City. For more information, please call (801) 538-7220 or 877-UT-PARKS.

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

December 19 Jordanelle State Park – Heber City
Star Gazing: Join park staff and volunteers from the Salt Lake Astronomical Society from 3 to 7 p.m. for the final celebration of the International Year of Astronomy. (435) 649-9540

December 26 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Heber Valley Christmas Bird Count: Join park staff and other bird and wildlife lovers at Audubon's 110th Christmas Bird Count (CBC). The CBC is one of the

largest citizen science efforts in the world. Beginner, intermediate, and expert birders are welcome. For more information or to register, please call (435) 654-1791 or visit www.audubon.org/bird/cbc.

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